

Proclamation 5568 of November 7, 1986

National Arts Week, 1986

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Wherever Americans are, there are the arts. The arts are central to human expression. The arts enlighten us and please us. America has long loved the arts, and we study, practice, appreciate, and patronize them in our theatres, museums, galleries, schools, and communities.

We also generously support the arts and desire to make them as widely available as possible. A typically American consortium—informal and effective—of individuals, corporations, foundations, and taxpayers provides financial support to artists to augment revenues raised directly from patrons.

It is most fitting that we take time to celebrate the arts of our Nation, to honor our artists, and to express our appreciation to everyone who patronizes the arts. And as we celebrate the arts, we celebrate and give thanks for our freedom, the only atmosphere in which artists can truly create and in which art is truly the expression of the soul.

Let us join together during National Arts Week to celebrate the arts of our Nation and in pledging to continue this magnificent partnership of artist and patron so as to enrich the soul and the heart of our people forever.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 304, has designated the week of November 16 through November 22, 1986, as "National Arts Week" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this event.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the week of November 16 through November 22, 1986, as National Arts Week. I encourage the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies, programs, and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5569 of November 12, 1986

Salute to School Volunteers Day, 1986

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Americans have always relied on education to enrich our lives and to keep our Nation free and strong. We have relied as well on our spirit of volunta-

rism to improve our communities and to help our neighbors. These two traditions are among our Nation's greatest strengths, and we can all take a great deal of pride in our millions of school volunteers who exemplify both of them.

These volunteers generously contribute their time, talent, and resources to help professional educators enhance classroom instruction. In addition, citizens form business and education partnerships and adopt-a-school initiatives to develop a broader range of educational opportunities for students. All of this support from the community encourages school staffs and furthers the education of our children. The magnitude, quality, and selflessness of these efforts deserve the gratitude of every American who cares about our children and the future of our Nation.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 407, has designated November 12, 1986, as "Salute to School Volunteers Day" and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, November 12, 1986, as Salute to School Volunteers Day. I invite government officials, educators, parents, students, and all Americans to observe this day and participate in activities to recognize and show appreciation for school volunteers' contributions to education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5570 of November 13, 1986

National Adoption Week, 1986

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

The family is the most important unit in society, because belonging to a family is so important to the individual. We all need the love and the nurture of a family. Children belong in a family, where they can be cared for and taught the moral values and traditions that give order and stability to our lives and to society as a whole. Many adults, who cannot have children or who have room in their hearts for more of them, desire the special joy of sharing their homes with children who would otherwise have none. For these families, adoption represents a happy marriage of personal needs that serves society's larger interests as well.

Despite the many parents who want and wait for children and the perfect gift of life adoption can represent, it has tended to become the forgotten option in America. Many Americans, however, are taking courageous steps to reverse this trend and to promote public awareness of the positive advantages of adoption. For instance, they are making us aware that today in